

HONORING JERRY BARBER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a courageous volunteer firefighter, Mr. Jerry Barber.

In addition to serving his community as a volunteer firefighter, Mr. Barber is a member of the Leland High School Class of 1978, the cook for the Leland High School Booster Club, and he is also a carpenter.

Mr. Barber got his inspiration to be a volunteer firefighter from former Chief James Hasting of Leland, Mississippi. Mr. Barber thought he was brave and wanted to be like him. So, he started asking Chief Hasting about being a firefighter. Chief Hasting told him, "it's not about the money, it's about the life and property you save for others."

In 2006, Chief Michael Johnson of the Leland Fire Department hired Mr. Barber as a volunteer firefighter, where he is still employed. Since then he has taken great pride in being a fireman through training and certification. He is certified in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He is also trained and licensed to drive fire trucks along with mechanical knowledge and equipment maintenance of the truck. In addition to that, Mr. Barber has

undergone training in other fire equipment operation and safety. Mr. Barber has excelled up the ranks since 2006 to become the Assistant Chief of the Leland Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jerry Barber for his dedication and passion for serving the city of Leland, Mississippi.

JOHN "JACK" HEIDECKER HAZLETON LODGE #200 "2012/13 ELK OF THE YEAR"

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John "Jack" Heidecker as the Hazleton Lodge #200 "2012/13 Elk of the Year" for his loyal service to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Originally from the Lehigh Valley area, Jack served in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1963 on the USS *Compton* DD705 out of Newport, Rhode Island. He later attended both Lehigh County Community College and then Temple University, graduating cum laude with a baccalaureate degree in Business Administration. Jack moved to the greater Hazleton area in 1986 and became a member of the Hazleton

Lodge BPOE #200 in November of that same year.

Since joining the Hazleton Lodge BPOE #200, Jack has been an active and important member of the organization. He was Co-Chairman of the Lodge's House Committee as well as a trustee and currently serves as Chair of the Lodge Bulletin Committee. Jack is also a member of the Veteran's committee and Breakfast committee.

Mr. Speaker, I commend John "Jack" Heidecker for his committed service to the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and congratulate him for being named the Hazleton Lodge #200 "2012/13 Elk of the Year."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to inform you that I was detained on February 28, 2013, and was unable to be on the House floor to vote. Had I been there, I would have voted as follows: rollcall 54—McMorris Rodgers Amendment: "no," rollcall 55—Passage of S. 47: "yes."